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MINISTER SALEM

REF: CAIRO 17558

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO PRIME MINISTER SALEM THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON.
2. BEGIN TEXT. BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE, I WISH TO EXPRESS
TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS
OF YOUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A SOUND EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. IN THE
PAST TWO YEARS OF MY ASSOCIATION WITH EGYPT I HAVE BEEN
IMPRESSED BY THE DIFFICULTY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S TASK OF
ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT. THIS HISTORIC TASK
REQUIRES COURAGE AND RESOLUTE ACTION ON THE PART OF BOTH
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YOUR GOVERNMENT-AND EGYPT'S FOREIGN FRIENDS.

3. I HOPE THAT THE MEASURES YOU NOW ARE CONSIDERING WILL
ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE LEADING TO EXPANDED
FOREIGN INVESTMENT, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN EGYPTIAN
DEVELOPMENT.

4. I REGRET THAT MY GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO DO MORE TO
INDUCE PRIVATE U.S. INVESTMENT IN EGYPT DURING THE PAST
TWO YEARS. I DRAW ENCOURAGEMENT, HOWEVER, FROM REPORTS BY
AMBASSADOR EILTS AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER THAT PRESIDENT
SADAT, YOU, AND YOUR ASSOCIATES ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING
THE COMPREHENSIVE SUGGESTIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT
INDUCEMENT OFFERED IN THE RECENT STUDY BY THE U.S. SECTION
OF THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL.

5. I LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE TO HEARING DURING THE
COMING YEAR THAT YOUR EFFORTS ARE BEARING FRUIT.
SINCERELY, CHARLES W. ROBINSON. END MESSAGE.
ROBINSON

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